

# Matthew 5:33-42

## *Application Questions*

1. Have you ever taken an oath or sworn by something or someone greater than yourself to “prove” that you are credible? Read Psalm 15. How are you doing at simply speaking the truth (v. 2) and keeping your promises (v. 4)? What is the benefit of doing these things according to verse 5?
2. In verses 38-42, Jesus teaches non-retaliation and *forbearance* against personal injury. The commandment to “turn the other cheek” (v. 39) is to be willing to suffer a relatively minor physical injury for the sake of someone else. Have you ever had an opportunity to do this? Explain.
3. Next, Jesus says that if someone sues you for your tunic, give him your cloak also (v. 40). This speaks of our willingness to suffer material loss for the sake of another. Have you ever had opportunity to do this? Explain. (Consider 1 Corinthians 6:7)
4. In the third example, Jesus deals with our injured pride or perhaps our willingness to sacrifice our time for someone else. When have you been called upon by the Holy Spirit to “go the extra mile” with someone who naturally would frustrate or exasperate you? Did you think to use it as a witnessing opportunity?
5. In the last example, Jesus tells us to give to those who ask us and not to turn them away (v. 42). Obviously, there are limits to this, and God expects us to use discernment. But how freely do you give to those who ask you? How could you be more sacrificial in your giving? (Consider Matthew 10:8)